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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Macao Incidents

It is to be fervently hoped there will be no repetition of the unfortunate incidents which occurred this week to mar the hitherto good relations between Macao and the China mainland. Recriminations for what happened are out of place. Moreover it has not been made clear precisely what caused the incidents. They can best be written off as misunderstandings. The important thing now is that a friendly settlement be reached and on a basis that will offer guarantees of continued tranquillity on the Macao-China frontier. Clearly the close proximity of Portuguese and Chinese troops increases the danger of misunderstandings. Unfortunately, Macao being such a small area, it is difficult to remedy the situation. It is conceivable, however, that both sides could find means of withdrawing their forces some distance from the frontier, thus eliminating to some extent incitement to provocative acts. The question also arises whether both the Portuguese and the Chinese have sufficiently senior-grade officers at the frontier posts whose presence might well prove sufficient to prevent displays of "trigger-happiness" on the part of the soldiery. While incidents such as those of this week are possibly meaningless, they have an aggravating effect, and it is essential that everything possible be done to make them avoidable.

The Approach Canny

MANY Scots desire greater local control of Scottish affairs, not merely in Government but also in industry. The Catto report on Scottish Financial and Trade Statistics, just published, is one outcome of this desire, and is regarded as the first step in framing an economic policy for Scotland. Apart from national feeling, there is a fear that more and more power will fall into the hands of politicians and great industrial bodies centralised in London. The Catto Committee's chief task was to see whether the finances and economies of Scotland could be disentangled from those of the United Kingdom as a whole, so that a balance of payments account with the rest of the UK and the world as a whole could be worked out. The report held it was possible to show total revenue from taxes on incomes of Scottish residents and from taxes on dutiable goods and services consumed in Scotland. It was also possible to measure separately the Government's expenditure which benefits Scotland alone. But the Committee could find no satisfactory way of measuring the value of goods imported into England but used in Scotland, or of Scottish goods sent to England and subsequently exported. To measure the trade between England and Scotland would involve raising the equivalent of a Customs barrier. Those who hoped for a national income White Paper for Scotland alone will be disappointed, but the Government was wise in accepting the report and in promptly setting up a Royal Commission, with the next and wider task of examining the arrangements for exercising the functions of the Government in relation to Scotland. Questions of parliamentary or political devolution are for the present excluded, and this is as well, for administrative problems alone are quite enough to go on with.

Naguib Withdrawing Troops From Streets

Cinema Roof Collapses

Austin, Texas, July 31. Seven people, including six children, were injured today when part of a cinema ceiling collapsed. The children were taken to hospital. Witnesses said that several children ran screaming from the hall crying: "The roof fell in." Police and firemen streamed to the scene.—Reuter.

UN Troops Recapture 'Old Baldy'

Tokyo, Aug. 1. United Nations infantrymen, in a surprise night enveloping attack, recaptured the crest of "Old Baldy" against bitter Chinese resistance early today. One company of infantry jumped off at 10 p.m. on Thursday to begin the attack on the vital position west of Choswon on the western Korean front. The soldiers swung to the left down the long ridge and curved sharply up over the bald ridge-line meeting no resistance in the first few hours.

Another company, already with a toehold on Baldy's right flank, jumped off at the same time, moving up the ridge-line toward the crest.

HAIL OF FIRE

As the plinths threatened to close, the Communists riddled a hail of fire into the advancing Allies. Then the Communist mortar fire started falling into the Chinese soldiers' own lines, indicating that the Red commander had given up and was willing to sacrifice his own men left on the hill.

The attack marked the fourth time within two weeks that Old Baldy has changed hands. The weather, featured by 12½ inches of rain in a week, cleared on Thursday afternoon and Allied soldiers clawed their way up the hill through the deep mud. Stars shone intermittently. When dawn broke on a nearly cloudless day, United Nations warplanes were circling overhead to give any needed aid.

The Chinese reinforced company on the hill fled in confusion, leaving dead and dying on the reverse slope.

A Second Division officer said the Allied casualties were "extremely light for this kind of action." He said the Chinese losses were much heavier, but he added, "I tried to find out how many they had killed. Men on the top would say, 'Come up up here and count them yourself.'"—United Press.

Extradition Order Against Man Sentenced To Die

Montreal, July 31. The Montreal Superior Court today ruled that Leonard Wattebled, 51, sentenced in absentia by the Paris Assizes to be guillotined for the murder of his wife in 1939, must return to France. Extradition procedures were brought against Wattebled when he was arrested following the discovery some weeks ago that he was living in Canada. Mr. Justice Fabre Surveyrer, handing down the decision, said there was no one reason which could make him "exclude the probability that the accused had committed the crime." He said

GIVES SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT

Cairo, Aug. 1. General Naguib, leader of the Egyptian military coup, announced last night that armed forces will withdraw from the streets of Cairo and Alexandria today (Friday), leaving the security of the state in the hands of the Government.

General Naguib made this statement after a three-hour meeting with the Prime Minister, Aly Maher Pasha.

General Naguib described their talks as "successful." It was understood they discussed the creation of a Regency Council—to look after state affairs until the baby King Ahmed Fuad comes of age—and the selection of Regents.

A communique proclaiming the end of the military action, which resulted in the abdication of King Farouk, is expected to be issued today. Mohamed Azmi, former Public Prosecutor, dismissed by King Farouk two years ago while investigating the Palestine war arms scandal, will head Egypt's coming "Palace purge."

Mohamed Azmi was reinstated in his post last night. He will also be in charge when the arms case is reopened soon, according to an official spokesman.

General Mohamed Naguib Bey has always blamed Egypt's defeat in the Palestine war on corrupt Cairo politicians who supplied the army with defective weapons. Before it was halted, the arms investigation landed many manufacturers in jail.

Now, in addition to reopening this inquiry, Mohamed Azmi is to head the purge of the "Palace clique" and other allegedly corrupt elements. The army itself has already started a "purification drive" and younger officers have assumed control of the High Command.

General Naguib told a press conference yesterday that officers arrested since the army coup were now being freed—except for the exception of a few who would stand trial.

A SCRAMBLE

As the new regime gets into its stride with these internal reforms, political parties and factions are busying themselves alternately in the scramble for political control and moves to win army support.

General Naguib told his press conference Egypt remained a constitutional monarchy and reiterated the army's intention to abstain from politics.

The main objects of the military coup were still to secure proper reforms and the true application of the Constitution. General Naguib said he had discussed the Constitutional position with Abdel Razzak el Sanhuri, President of the State Council (Supreme Court).

Meanwhile, there is considerable satisfaction among Egyptians over the improved stability and security in the country. General Naguib said his forces in Cairo and Alexandria were being gradually thinned out, and troops guarding public buildings in Cairo would be withdrawn.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry is to enter into direct negotiations with foreign petroleum companies to extend concessions in Egypt, a spokesman said.

The price of petroleum products sold in Egypt would be fixed by agreement between the companies and the Government.

Mourning Order To Workers

Buenos Aires, July 31. Argentina's General Labour Confederation today ordered workers to down tools for 15 minutes three times a day for a full month in honour of Eva Peron, who died five days ago. All trains will come to a stop for five minutes daily.

The government ordered a giant funeral Mass to be held on August 20, one month after her death. Long queues were still waiting in the rain to see her body. Labour and military leaders conferred today on arrangements for handling crowds on the day of her funeral, which is not yet set.

The funeral procession will start from Congress, where Eva's body will lie in state for a day before the burial.—Associated Press.

Helicopters' Successful Trans-Atlantic Flight

Frestwick, July 31. Two American helicopters—first to span the Atlantic—windmilled to earth here today after a 3,300-mile hop-skip jump from Westover, Massachusetts. The two Vought Sikorsky took off earlier in the day from Iceland on the last long hop of their cross-Atlantic flight. They made aviation history, and broke the official helicopter distance record of 603½ miles. The Military Air Transport Service launched the epoch-making flight to test the feasibility of delivering helicopters to Europe by air. They set out from Westover Air Force Base two weeks ago on a six-stop, 4,000-mile flight to Wiesbaden, Germany. On Saturday, the two ships will fly to Amsterdam and thence to Wiesbaden, where they will be stationed with the Air-Sea Rescue Squadron. For the experimental flight the two Sikorsky H-19s were loaded with heavy gas supplies and accompanied by a C-54 transport. A pilot and co-pilot manned each copter. Expert mechanics went along in the transport.—Associated Press.

Quick Ratification Of Bonn Conventions Urged By Eden

London, July 31. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, today urged the House of Commons to ratify without delay the Bonn Conventions ending the Western occupation of Germany and bringing the Federal Republic into the European army. "This was not a moment for hesitation," he said.

Mr. Eden, who was initiating a two-day debate on Germany, maintained the German agreements provided an answer to the Communist challenge.

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, former Labour Minister of Defence, said the narrow point dividing the Government from the Labour Opposition was that Labour thought ratification was premature.

Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour, claimed that Mr. Eden had been pressed by Mr. Dean Acheson, American Secretary of State, to ratify early, a view which Mr. Eden retorted, saying "The decision is our own."

Mr. Clement Davies, Liberal, pointed out that it was France—entitled to be afraid of an armed Germany—who was prepared to enter into agreement and take the first step to bring about unity in Europe.

In opening the debate Mr. Eden told the House the delay in ratifying the Bonn Conventions would damage the cause of peace. He did not believe that delay now was in either Britain's or Europe's interest. The Conventions were the nearest that could be got under present conditions to a peace treaty with Germany.

He did not believe there was the will in Britain, France or the United States to enforce an indefinite occupation. It would encourage extremist elements in Germany and might cost it the only chance of reuniting the country in the future.

THE ALTERNATIVE would have to be a settlement on Soviet terms, otherwise the negotiations would develop into interminable discussions ending nowhere.

Mr. Eden said the central purpose was to create a peaceful and prosperous European community of nations in which a democratic German Federal Republic could play a full and equal part. "If we do not want our relations with Germany to remain in a dangerous and agonising state, we have to go forward," he declared.

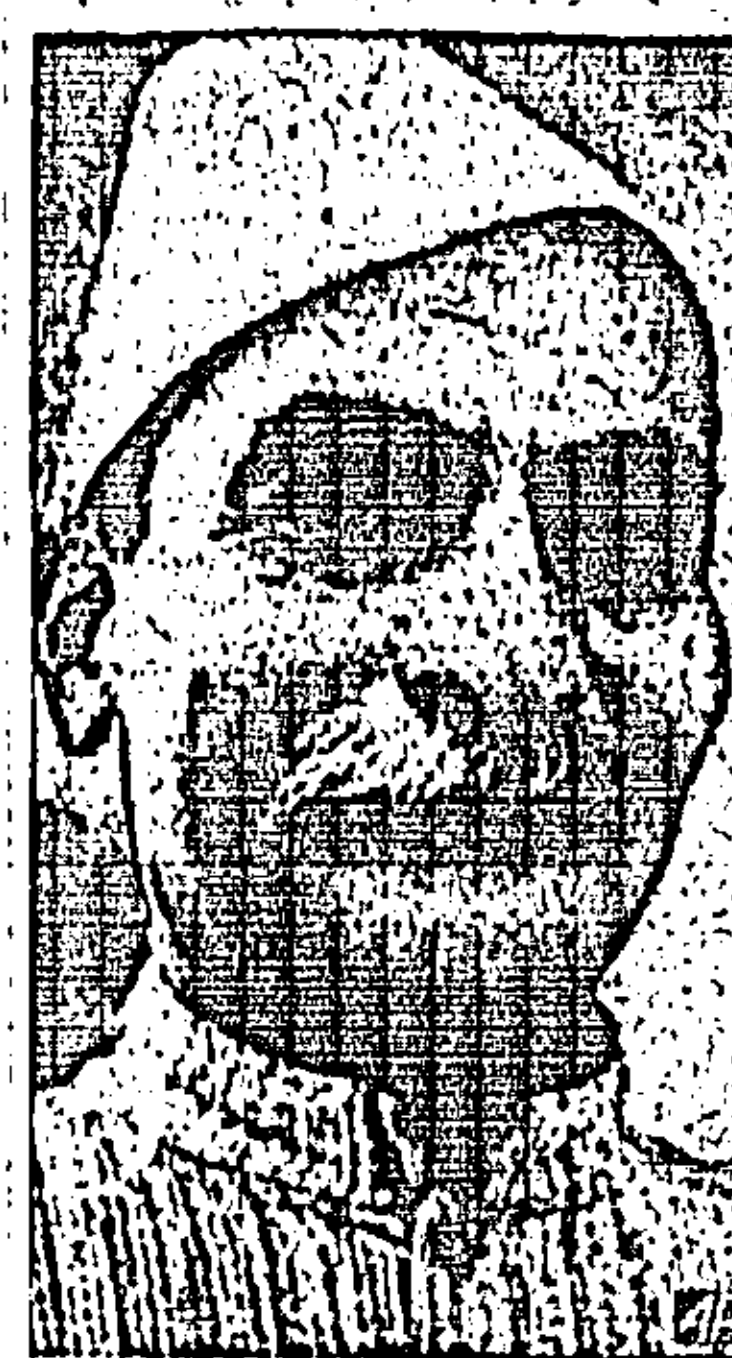
The former Labour Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, said the only point dividing the Opposition and the Government on the ratification proposal was that the House was being asked to approve the Conventions before France and Germany—the two countries most concerned—had themselves ratified the agreements.

Ratification was premature. Important issues of finance, arms production and relations with NATO had yet to be settled.

"It would be unwise," he said, "to stack to build up 12 German divisions before the French have ten divisions."

NO MANDATE With regard to German elections, he said, "The present Federal Government has no mandate to raise forces. This is not a minor issue. It is a vital one."

Mr. John Hynd, Labour, said the real danger to democracy in Germany was that the West German Parliament was not accepted by the German people as a very good example of Demo-



Bevan To Defend Himself

Statement Today

London, Aug. 1. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, left-wing Labour leader, has announced that he will make a personal statement today (Friday) in the House of Commons in reply to Mr. Clement Attlee's statement last night rebuking him for disclosing in the House what passed in a Cabinet meeting during Labour's rule.

It marked the most serious open clash that has yet taken place between Mr. Attlee and Mr. Bevan, often tipped as a future leader of the Labour Party.

Mr. Bevan was not present when Mr. Attlee began his statement, in which he said: "There is a well-established and inhibiting members of a Government from revealing what passes either in Cabinet or in confidential discussions."

Mr. Attlee said if he were to affirm or deny the accuracy of Mr. Bevan's statements, he would commit precisely the same error to which he was drawing attention.

"I am not prepared to do. I make this statement lest my silence should be misconstrued," he added.

Mr. Attlee sat down amid a roar of approval from the Government benches and looks of consternation among sections of his own supporters. Government supporters shouted "Where is he?"

PUZZLED Mr. Bevan appeared in the chamber shortly afterwards and was quickly made aware of Mr. Attlee's statement. He rose and told the House that he had received no information from his leader that he contemplated such a statement.

Mr. Attlee, without looking round at the left-winger, who sits several rows behind him, said that he had sent a note to Mr. Bevan to inform him.

The left-winger, with a puzzled expression on his face, repeated that the note had not reached him. He later made it known he would make a personal statement on Friday.

The passage completed of Mr. Attlee's speech in a speech by Mr. Bevan in Wednesday's economic debate.

The left-winger, who was Labour Minister in the late Socialist Government, referring to an early party debate on Britain's defence programme, said on Wednesday: "Further, when the debate took place, certain precautionary words were put into the Prime Minister's (Mr. Attlee's) speech. These precautionary words, etc. were actually inserted in the Prime Minister's speech at my instance."—Reuter.

March Of Defiance Demanded

Berlin, July 31.

The East German Reds tonight called for a defiant march into the Western Allied sectors of the city next Sunday to "eradicate unbearable conditions."

Sponsored by the fanatical Communists, "Free German Youth" movement, the demonstration and march apparently were designed to offset the propaganda advantage to the West of the mass migration of tens of thousands of Germans from the Communist East Zone to the West.

Among the "intolerable conditions" the Reds said they would eliminate were "concentration camps" in the American, British and French sectors of the city. The reference apparently was to the emergency refugee camps set up in the Western sectors to accommodate East Germans fleeing from behind the Iron Curtain at a rate higher than 1,000 per day.

West Berlin police said they would put down any attempt to stage a Communist putsch. Western Allied authorities said American, British and French troops would be called over if the West Berlin police were unable to handle the situation.

The Western authorities said thousands of refugees were streaming into West Berlin from the Communist Zone by the "underground railway" in an effort to escape from behind the Iron Curtain.—United Press.

Passengers' Lucky Escape

Nicosia, July 31.

Thirty-two passengers in an Egyptian Languedoc-type airliner escaped unhurt when the machine crashed landed at Almazra airport, Cairo, last night according to pilots and passengers who were arriving from Cairo here today.

The airliner was taking off when one of its engines caught fire. Its wreckage rendered the main runway unserviceable, according to a signal received from Cairo by the Nicosia airport control.

The wreckage was put under armed guard and an inquiry opened pilots reaching here said. The crash was not reported in today's Egyptian newspapers reaching here.—Reuter.

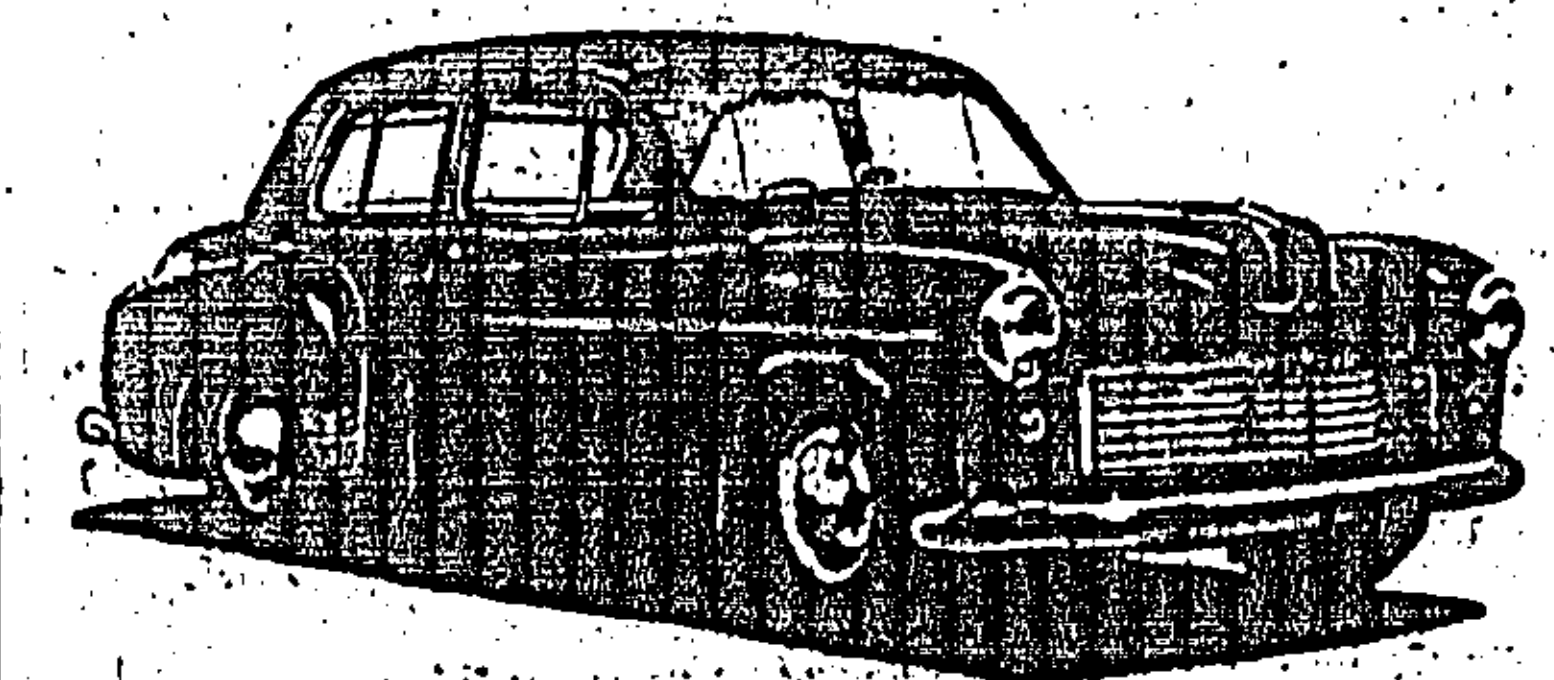
Mossadegh Going To America

Le Havre, July 31. Persian Premier, Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh, plans to leave for the U.S. on September 12, the American "Lines" said today.

He has reserved six cabins for himself and five members of his suite in the new liner "United States," the Lines said.

He is expected to reopen talks in America on the oil situation.—Associated Press.

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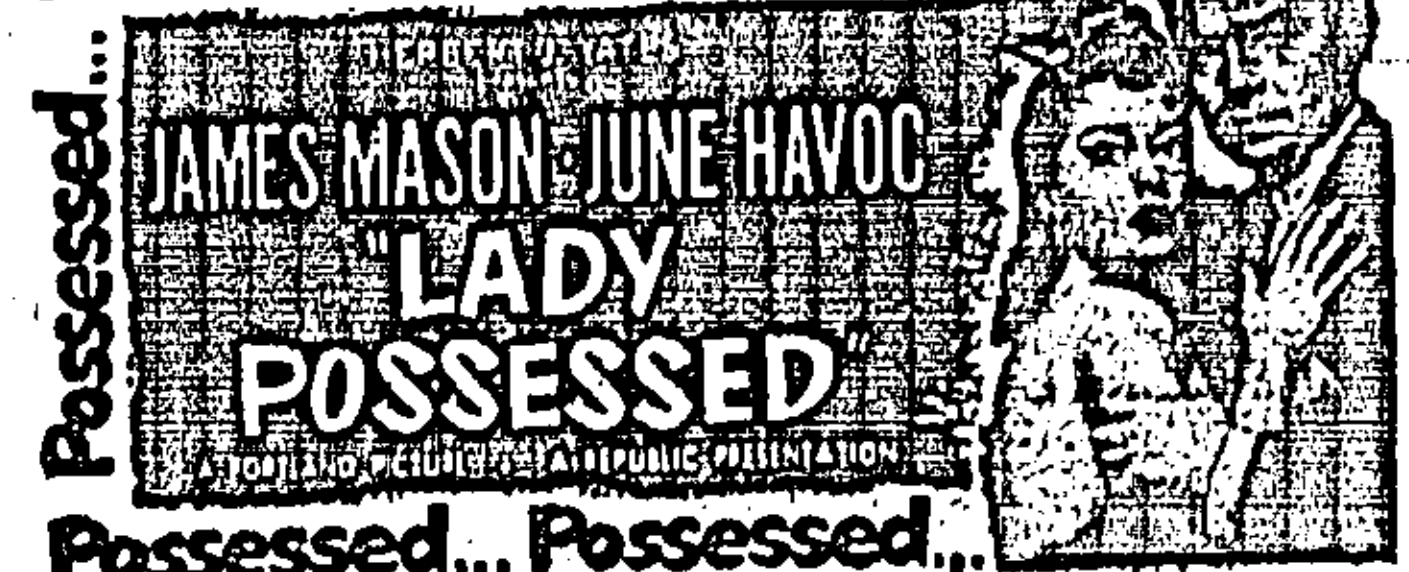
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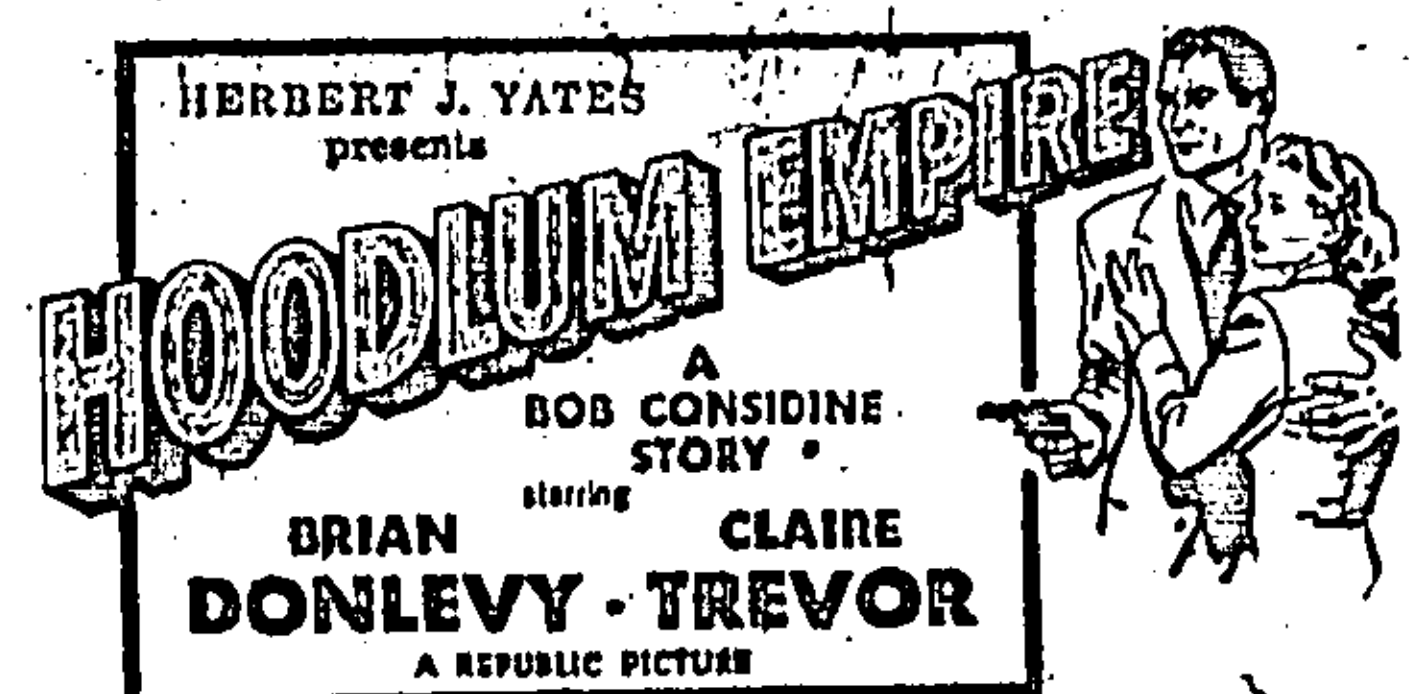
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Patrolling The Berlin Boundary



Since the kidnapping of Dr. Linse, head of an anti-Communist organization, West-Berlin police have been patrolling the boundary line between the West and Russian sections of Berlin to avoid a repetition of the incident. — Express Photo.

Wants Handsome New Zealander

Auckland, July 31. A Devonshire splinter has written to the Mayor of Auckland asking him to find her a tall, strong and handsome New Zealand husband.

She specifies: Five foot 10 inches in height, fine build, good head of hair, strong clean teeth, educated, about 35, with "some sense of the spiritual."

She describes herself as: intelligent, five foot three inches tall, healthy, with naturally wavy brown hair, blue eyes and sound teeth.

The office of the Mayor, Sir John Aitken, is sending on names and addresses. — Reuter.

COMMONS QUERIES ON ARMY

London, July 31. The War Secretary, Mr. Anthony Head, told the House of Commons that special arrangements had been made for Services personnel and their families to fly to Britain direct from the Canal Zone at their own expense.

Since the scheme started on July 9, 62 Army officers and 57 other ranks had reached Britain.

A limiting factor in extending qualification for compassionate leave was the non-availability of aircraft.

In reply to other questions, Mr. Head said:

The present strength of the Army Officers Emergency Reserve is 3,533 men and 222 women. It was not necessary to enlarge the scope of this reserve, he said.

The selection of pupils for the proposed army school at Welbeck Abbey called for boys with a general certificate of education with passes at ordinary levels in mathematics, science and one other subject, or to have reached the equivalent standard and to satisfy the interviewing board.

About the case of Gunner C. D. Yates, Royal Artillery, reported missing for ten years, Mr. Head said additional evidence which tends to show Gunner Yates was last seen on board a ship sailing to Australia does not help very much. In all circumstances he had now decided to presume the death of Yates.

The question of the widow's pension was for consideration by the Pensions Minister. — Reuter.

General On The Way To Europe

Tokyo, July 31. Lieutenant-General Willard Wyman, of the U.S. Army, arrived in Tokyo today en route to Europe to join General Matthew Ridgway's NATO Command.

He will take over NATO's South-eastern Command, leading Greek and Turkish ground forces. — Reuter.

South Africans Worrying Over Trade Outlook

Capetown, July 31. South African businessmen are worried over the national economy for fear that it is being cold-shouldered overseas because of racial upheavals here.

There is open apprehension in the most conservative business circles even over the possibility of the depression which would come if overseas investment stops altogether, or is withdrawn.

Such a depression would have widespread effects throughout adjoining African territories since it would wipe out one of their major employment sources and affect industries outside the Union.

Economists in Capetown who recently surveyed economic conditions in all territories south of the Sahara believe that this would pave the way for a concerted Communist drive in Africa.

South Africa's National Finance Corporation has estimated that the country needs £700,000,000 capital development in the next three to four years, and an annual investment of at least £200,000,000. Estimates are that not half of this could be raised in South Africa. Without that flow of capital there would be a balance of payments problem almost as acute as Britain's, a leading South African economist said.

Dr. B. Friedman, an Opposition member in Parliament, said in the House that South Africa in the ordinary course of events would act as a magnet for overseas capital because of its natural wealth. He added, however, that the influx was likely to stop as a result of the Nationalist Government's ideological stand.

C. S. McLean, Deputy Chairman of the powerful General Mining and Finance Corporation, in his address to shareholders at the annual meeting, warned that unfavourable publicity overseas had increased the problem of securing capital needed for development of the great new goldfields.

Gold production, and subsequently the national welfare, would be adversely affected if further difficulties were experienced in bringing the essential capital to South Africa, he stated.

Mr. McLean said, "South Africa must depend on outside sources for a large proportion of its capital needs, and this supply can only be expected if our own actions and outlook are viewed in a favourable light."

South Africa, which supplies the bulk of the world's gold, is economically dependent upon its gold mines. Production has been slowed in many of these due to high costs and, according to some mine owners, lack of capital. Government spokesmen believe that these problems would be overcome by an increase in the world price of gold.

Speaking for the Government on the economic question, Mines Minister J. H. Viljoen

US Lifts The Ban On Tin

Private Importation Again Allowed

Washington, July 31. The 16-month ban on private imports of tin ended today.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Government agency, will continue buying foreign tin under existing contracts but will no longer be the sole importer in this country.

This move was announced by Henry Fowler, head of the National Production Authority, and Jera Larson, General Services Administrator.

Mr. Fowler said private businessmen may now resume importing tin—as much as they want and at any price—provided they report to NPA on what they receive and hold in inventory.

Controls on domestic tin use were also loosened. Consumers may now buy tin from a supplier of their own choosing. They still may not use more than the amount the NPA allocated them, but can receive allocations for three-month periods rather than month by month as before.

Mr. Larson said the tin situation had improved materially since March 12, 1951, when the RFA took over all buying for the United States.

IN BALANCE
"Our reserves are no longer at dangerously low levels," he said. "The forces of supply and demand are more nearly in balance. I believe they will come into even better balance with the resumption of private importing."

Mr. Larson said foreign tin producers still worked under difficult circumstances, particularly in Malaysia, where they kept going in the face of Communist terrorism.

He noted that the U.S. Government mission to Malaya last year complimented both producers and miners on their patriotic efforts. He expressed confidence that tin production and use would remain stable and U.S. reserves would be maintained at a safe level. He added that the government's long-term purchase agreements with producers in Indonesia and the Belgian Congo would help—United Press.

Rains Hold Up Rice For Tibet

Kalimpong, July 31. Torrential rains in West Bengal have broken the roads and held up 1,000 tons of rice, a first instalment for Chinese troops in Tibet, which has been sent through India by Communist China.

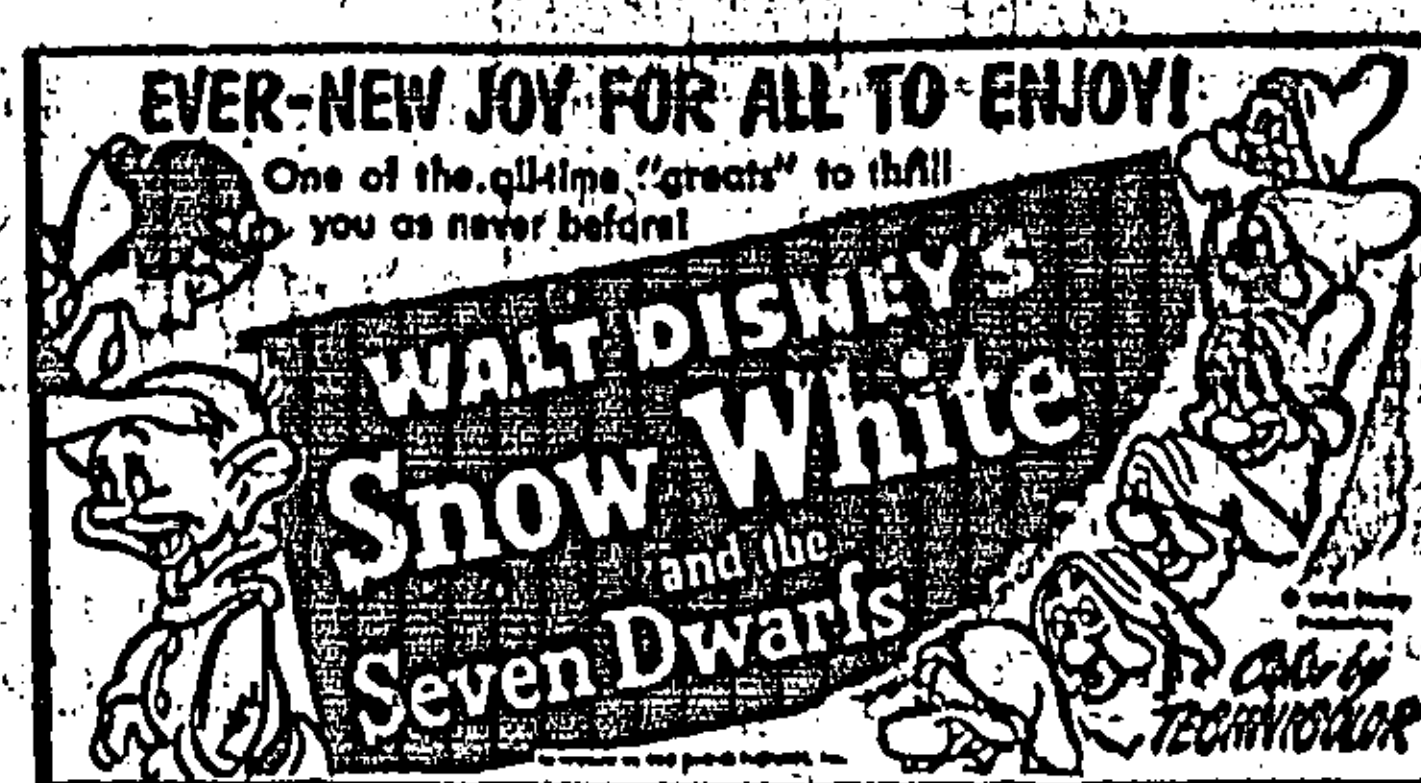
The rice is waiting at Siliguri railway station in the Darjeeling district of West Bengal pending repairs to the 100-mile-long road to Gangtok, the trade centre of Sikkim.

Hundreds of mules are assembled on the Sikkim to Tibet road ready to carry the rice, the first part of a consignment of 3,000 tons.

Armed Chinese guards have been posted along the 250-mile strategic road beyond the Sikkim border to Tibet. — Reuter.

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Washington, July 31. Senator Burnet R. Maybank, Democrat, South Carolina, hinted tonight that there might be an all-out fight at the South Carolina Democratic Convention next week over whether to make General Dwight D. Eisenhower or Governor Adlai Stevenson the official Democratic presidential candidate in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Democrat told the United Press by telephone from his holiday retreat in North Carolina that he had sent a telegram to the Democratic National Chairman urging that Governor Stevenson, the Democratic nominee, make his first South Carolina campaign speech in Charleston.

"It would be my judgment that Governor Stevenson should make his first speech in Charleston where certain elements have always opposed the Democratic Party," his telegram said. "They supported London and Dewey against Roosevelt. It will be a pleasure for me as a former Mayor of Charleston to introduce the Governor if he so desires."

"Our State Convention meets next week. I do not know what the Convention may agree to do. I intend to continue to be a Democrat," Senator Maybank said.

GOVERNOR SILENT
He refused to elaborate on his reference to the Convention which had been called for next Wednesday, August 6. The State Democratic Convention met first in July and recessed to await action of the Party's National Convention before taking its stand on the 1952 candidates. The Senator made it plain that he was not including South Carolina Governor James F. Byrnes in his reference to "certain elements."

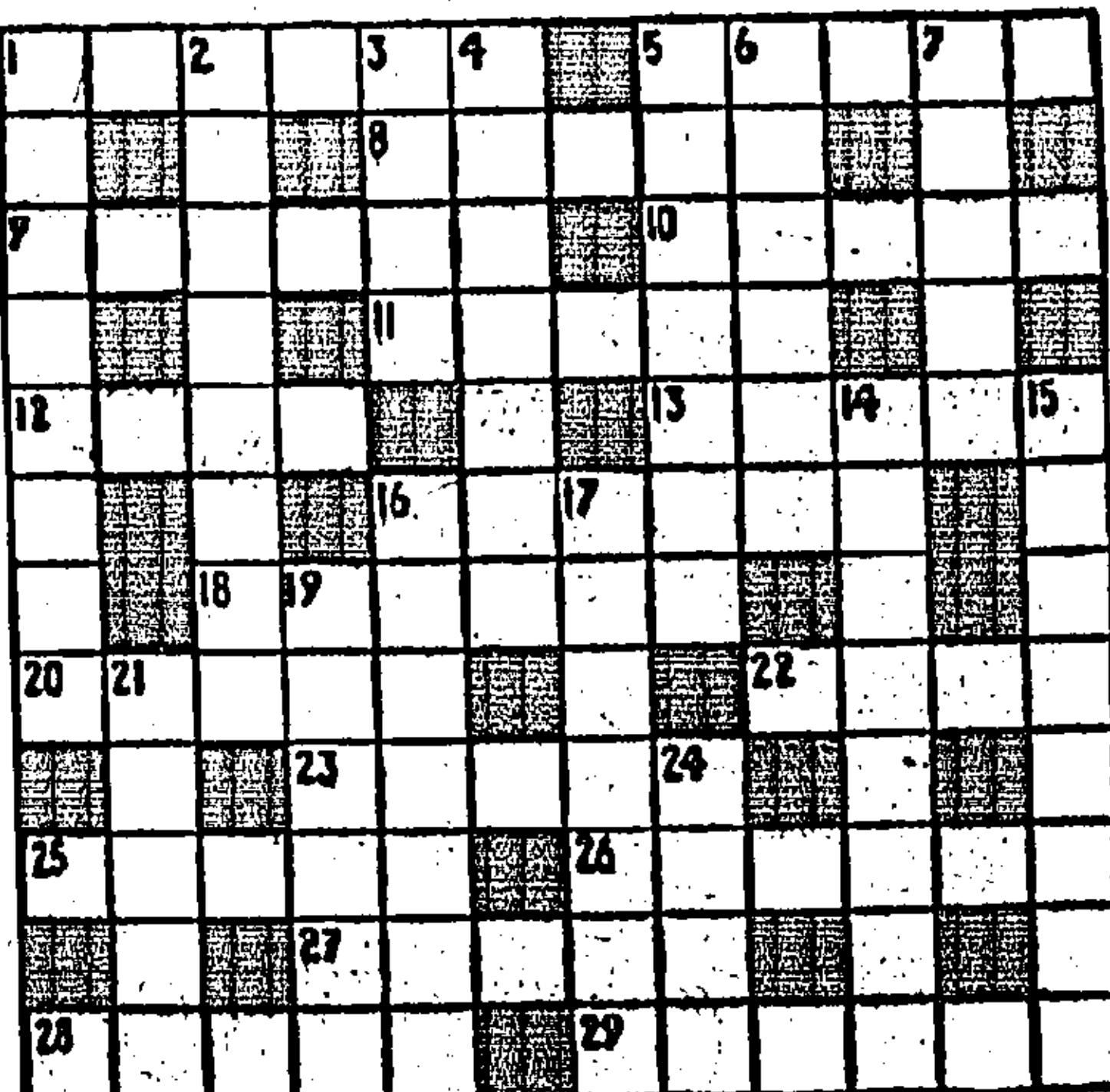
"Those elements have been more unkind to Mr. Byrnes and myself than to anybody else," he said.

Mr. Byrnes has remained silent on his attitude toward the Democratic nominee since the National Convention seated his State's delegation without forcing them to sign a Party "loyalty" pledge.—United Press.

EAST GERMAN RECRUITING

Berlin, July 31. Recruiting in July has raised the Russian Zone German army above the 100,000 mark, West Berlin informants reported today. Communist exhorters have scoured youth brigades from the Elbe to the Oder under ruthless orders to expand the "People's Police" unit to an eventual goal of 375,000. At the present reported rate of increase, the Red German army would reach its goal in a year from now.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Disturbance (6)
 - The Mohammedan world (5)
 - Part of a wicket (5)
 - Sent (6)
 - Infectious fright (5)
 - Discourage (6)
 - Frank (4)
 - Expressions (5)
 - Deceive (6)
 - Escapes adroitly (6)
 - Pops (5)
 - Sheer (4)
 - Heavily (5)
 - Heavenly drink (6)
 - Eat into (6)
 - Curbs (5)
 - Sleeps (6)
- DOWN**
- Made good (6)
 - Flummed (6)
 - Second-hand (4)
 - Guided (7)
 - Driving force (7)
 - Refrained from killing (6)
 - Self-evident truth (5)
 - Was indignant about (6)
 - Props (6)
 - Cleaning cloths (7)
 - Wyrthe (7)
 - Diplomatic (6)
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"Moby Dick" Under Way



Ground crew start the job of releasing a giant plastic balloon at an American air base as part of the U.S. Air Research and Development Command's upper air research called "Operation Moby Dick." The balloon will provide data on conditions between 50,000 and 100,000 feet.—Express Service.

Persia Vulnerable To A Red Coup: American Warning

New York, July 31. The magazine, *Business Week*, in an article on the Middle East situation, said today that no country in the world was in as much danger of falling to Communism as Persia.

"One mis-step and the balance of power in the entire Middle East could be disastrously altered," it added.

"While some American observers believe there is little danger of a Communist coup without direct Soviet intervention, they say that Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh may be forced further and further toward Rightist totalitarianism."

The magazine said that for American leaders Persia under Mossadegh "presents a policy dilemma."

"Should we gamble on Mossadegh, the strong man, as the last hope of keeping Persia out of the Soviet fold?" it asked. "Or should we stand pat, advancing no more than our

Paris Discussions On Trade With Communists

Washington, July 31.

Qualified sources said today that the United States was prepared to withdraw its demands for a separate Far Eastern trade security group and to agree to Japanese participation in a single free-world organization setting policy on trade with Russia and her satellites.

The problem of fitting Japan into international trade control machinery has been under debate all week at meetings of a five-power group representing the United States, Britain, France, Canada and Japan.

Nationalists Leaving Red Cross Conference

Toronto, July 31.

The Nationalist Chinese delegation, on orders from Formosa, packed its bags today to leave the 18th International Red Cross conference.

The move was in protest at the presence here of the Communist Chinese delegation from Peking, and also—said Dr. J. Hong Liu, head of the Formosan group—against "its behaviour."

Dr. Liu made his formal announcement in a letter to Mr. John A. Macaulay of Winnipeg, Chairman of the conference.

The letter said the Chinese Communist "puppet regime has never been recognised as a lawful government by the United Nations."

"The so-called Red Cross Society of Peking is only an agency created by and under the direction of the puppet regime. Its existence is merely for propaganda purposes."

"Upon our leaving this conference may I repeat my warning that the ideas of the Red Cross and the sinister purposes of world Communism are poles apart."

"The Red Cross will find in time that in the present world situation it cannot remain both humanitarian and universal."

"It cannot remain within its body the poison of Communism and remain healthy"—Associated Press.

INCREASED USE OF STERLING

London, July 31.

Sterling was used far more last year for payments between non-Sterling countries. The annual report of the Bank of England published today shows that the amount of Sterling transferred between countries outside the Sterling Area jumped from £220,000,000 in 1950 to £403,000,000 in 1951.

Between 1948 and 1950, the total rose only from £240,000,000 to £299,000,000.

Egypt, Holland, Italy and Scandinavia were again big users, the Bank's report disclosed.

Transfers of Sterling between countries of the OECC rose from £78,000,000 in 1950 to £112,000,000 in 1951.

Transfers by OECC countries to other non-Sterling countries rose from £59,000,000 to £82,000,000 and in reverse from £69,000,000 to £179,000,000.—Reuter.

Britain Shows Her Gratitude

London, July 31.

The British Government has decided to show its gratitude to the United States for the European Recovery Programme by founding 12 scholarships for American students in British universities. It was announced in the House of Commons today.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the scholarships would be available to men and women and could be taken up at any university. They will be known as Marshall Scholarships to commemorate General George C. Marshall, former Secretary of State, who gave his name to the European aid plan.

On the heads of principal universities had agreed to co-operate. Parliament would be asked to vote funds toward the scheme.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking on behalf of the Socialist Opposition, said it is right that we should do this and it will be helpful to Anglo-American relations.—Reuter.

Strictly A US Affair

London, July 31. The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, told the House of Commons today that the recent U.S. Seventh Fleet manoeuvres in the Formosa Straits were strictly an American affair. Replying to a question from Neil Wing Labouffe Tom Briberg, Mr. Churchill said there was no reason why British ships should have been consulted on the manoeuvres, since they were not carried out under United Nations auspices.—Associated Press.

Comment In Lisbon On Macao Clash

Lisbon, July 31.

The Press today unanimously front-paged editorials expressing surprise and anger at what it termed unprovoked and incomprehensible Communist Chinese attacks at the Macao border.

All the editorials sharply rejected yesterday's London Times editorial which suggested that the Portuguese were in Macao merely as the guests of China.

The *Diario da Manhã*, organ of the Government's Union National Party, stressed the centuries-old right Portugal had to be in Macao, saying, "Contrary to our pious London colleague, The Times, one cannot say we are the guests of China in Macao."

The *Diario da Noticias* declared: "The attitude of Chinese soldiers on the Macao frontier has surprised and deeply grieved us. The attack was sudden and inexplicable."

Osculo, concluding its editorial, said, "We are convinced that the incident is only important in that it is necessary to chastise those responsible for disturbing order and the spirit of four centuries of neighbourliness."

Macao's garrison was reinforced in August, 1949, to a recorded strength of nearly 5,000 officers and men.—United Press.

Probe Into Air Bases

Washington, July 31.

Senators Russell Long (Democrat) and Wayne Morse (Republican) will leave next Tuesday to inspect American air bases near the North Pole to tropical Africa, to seek huge economies. Both are members of the Senate subcommittee which earlier this year criticized the extravagance in building multi-million dollar bases in North Africa and Greenland.

Senator Long said they would also inspect bases "in Europe some of them still secret. I am convinced we are spending too much on some of these bases," he added.—Reuter.

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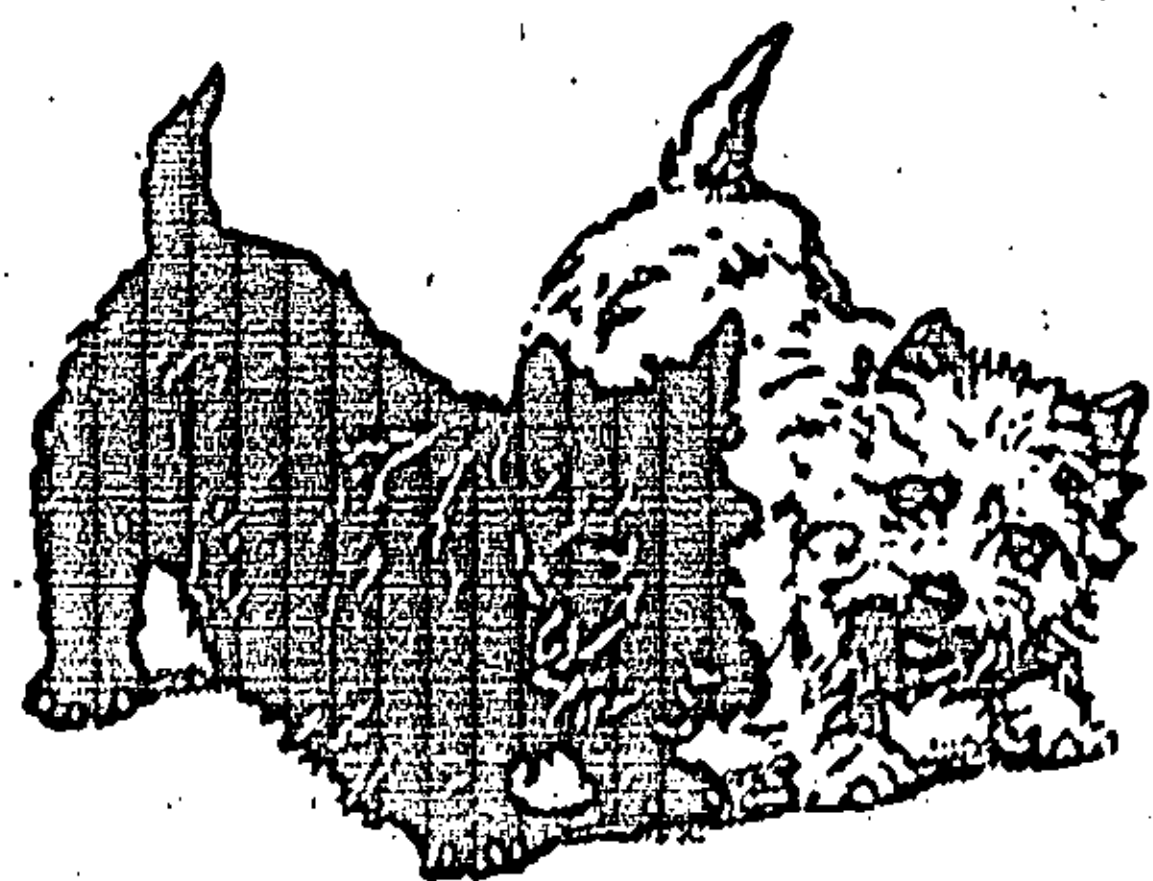


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Bold new satirist
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West End theatregoers are spreading the success of a satirist named Ian Carmichael in the new "Globe Revue". Carmichael's act is simple — depends for its success mainly on the fact that nearly everyone at one time or another has faced the problem of undressing on the beach. For that old Carmichael does — but here Giles comes in on the act, too.



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THE DOC SILENCED LIONS

— From R. M. MacCOLL

Washington.
A FAINT echo of the gaudy, good-time, gaslit days of show business in the 'seventies and 'eighties' is given by William S. ("Doc") Waddell died in Columbus, Ohio, aged 94.

His real name was William Anders, and he was known to circus people the world over as "The Bishop of the Big Top."

For William, technically a circus "advanced man" and publicity agent, loved to preach, and did so, often and forcefully, his great voice booming out against an obligate of lions grunting and the neighing of ring ponies.

In his day William worked with such notable names as Barnum and Bailey, Karl Hagenback, the Ringling Brothers and Frank Bostock, the animal trainer.

And he travelled with wagon shows, on Mississippi river barges, and eventually, in luxurious Pullman special trains.

He got his nickname as a boy of nine, when he set up a lemonade stand at a circus. Even then there was an air of great solemnity and portentiousness about the lad, and "Doc" seemed the natural appellation.

His first career ended way back in 1908, when he retired from the Big Top, settled down in Columbus and became a missionary in slums and goals.

But William remained a showman at heart, and from time to time he would send to the local Columbus newspaper long type-written accounts of various events in his life to add to their already bigging files about him, explaining "I want to be quite sure they get the facts straight when I do kick off."

A NEW YORK woman is worth \$10,000 (\$2,871) by a fashionably dressed blonde and her male accomplice, who gain admittance to the luxurious flat by showing the Negro maid a dog tag which they said they had "found in the park."

Slipping Scotch, the thieves, snafu take their time as the floor polishes. And on the floor "Boysay," the Dalmatian owner of the returned tag, snoozes peacefully through it all.

IN what looked like a desperate throw, F.B.I. reduced the 19-year-old picture "King Kong."

It has proved a sensational success, and the gigantic gorilla thus brought from retirement will earn another \$2,500,000 (\$282,857) for his masters this year.

OFF from Hoboken sails the good ship Courier, containing the super radio transmitter through which from "friendly" ports in the Eastern Mediterranean the Voice of America is going to talk to the Soviet nations loud and clear.

POLITICAL speakers who wear dentures are taking big risk of having them pop out during TV appearances.

The studios now arrange to magnetize the hardware just before programme time.

ON goes the heat-wave, Con-Railroads, New York's great "commuter" line, are passing out salt tablets to the customers. And in most of the "heat-struck" cities of the East, office employees are being sent home at 4 p.m.

Mr Bauer's Britain

THE TOURISTS ARE SPENDING MORE THAN EVER. AND THEY CAN STILL WRITE HOME, "HAVING WONDERFUL TIME"—IN SPITE OF CABBAGE ON THE MENU

by JOHN WATERMAN

THE sour, Gothic face of St Pancras clock-tower shows 9.15 a.m. Below in the forecourt is a little scene which, if he saw it, would warm the heart of Richard Austen Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Into a red motorcoach are climbing an assembly of people in gabardine suits and nylon shirts, with ties as bright as a strawberry banquet. They are visitors from America. This year, more than ever before, their dollars are helping Britain solve her currency problems.

In the forecourt of St. Pancras station, Tours arranged by the leading travel agencies leave here every day, conducted by their specially-trained couriers.

Our courier is Ernest J. Tytler. As the coach rolls away the passengers ask: "Shall we see the changing of the guard?" "No," says Courier Tytler regretfully.

OLDE-WORLDE

Out of London via the Great West Road ("many industrial names familiar to visitors from the States"), and some villages so olde-worlde that the newspapers still advertise the Morning Post.

First stop is Stoke Poges, to see the Churchyard of Gray's Elegy fame. The party crunch up the gravel path and gather



round the tomb. With the precision of a drill-sergeant intoning from the manual, Courier Tytler goes through the facts. With equal precision out come the cameras.

Onwards to Eton. The coach arrives as classes are changing. Americans stand aside to let Black-suited Etonians, as self-conscious as chorus-boys taking a curtain call, walk through the main gate.

Comments Mr Bauer: "They're a riot." Says the guide: "A great number of politicians, bishops, poets and the like were educated here."

Follows the natural American query: "Why is Eton called a public school if most of the boys are paid for? At home we call them private schools."

Lunch at Windsor. There is cabbage on the menu. "Why no garden peas?" asks Mr Bauer. "Sorry," says the waitress, "only spring greens."

Conversation turns on the merits of touring in Britain. Mr Bauer considers the matter. "Air-conditioning," he says, "yes, I suppose there could be more of it. But I'm not complaining. I'm having a fine time."

Interrupts a tourist from Pennsylvania: "Sure, there might also be more ice—but I suppose you've heard that before? I can't understand how you drink your beer warm."

Still, I suppose English people would probably complain the States of too much air-conditioning and too much ice. It's different temperament, I suppose."

including the debate about the merits of a tea-bag in making tea.

Mr Lewis Lettiko-witz of Dallas, Texas, regrets he is not spending more than a day or two in Britain. He finds London friendly. "In New York you could go for weeks without anyone speaking to you."

Mr Lettiko-witz, salesman from Memphis, Tennessee, says he finds English humour unpredictable. "I looked in at your TV, it didn't look to be very good reception to me, maybe the set wasn't tuned. But I didn't find the show at all funny." (It was the George Martin Show).

At Leicester Square the tour ends. Most of the Americans take taxis to their hotels. One makes for the Underground: "I want to get to Madame Tussaud's before they close."

Two step across the road for whiskies-and-soda.

In the coach all that remains of their presence are a few empty American cigarette packets, a screwed-up Paris edition of a New York paper, a faint aroma of cigars. As the coach rolls away Courier Tytler slides the door to and beams a goodbye through the window.

Tomorrow it will start all over again. In St. Pancras forecourt at 9.15 there will be another load of dollar tourists waiting to embark. Courier Tytler will be there to greet them, and as they speed to Windsor up the Great West Road, will be ready to announce with unalloyed freshness: "Here are many industrial names familiar to visitors from the States...."

Tea at Hampton Court, and more discussion on England —

BACHELORS FOR WHOM THE DRUMS ROLL!

By Kay Murray

New York. BACHELORS are bursting out all over in the United States. Latest to hit the headlines is Mr Alistair Forbes, of Aberdeen, who, after following baseball on the U.S. Army's European broadcasts, wrote to the famous team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, and asked for (a) a book of rules, and (b) introductions to some lady Dodger fans.

The Dodgers responded handsomely by flying Mr Forbes 3,000 miles to see their Lady Day Game. Soundly kissed by a bevy of American beauties, and a trifle stunned, Mr Forbes twitched his borrowed kilt into place. (at home, he wears American suits and yellow shoes) blushed and concentrated hard on the game.

He is here with his wife for a week. Before he departs for Paris he estimates he will have spent about £200. His bill for a room with private bath at a Mayfair hotel will cost him about £30. "Just touring about" will cost another £20. He has already bought £80 worth of antique glass miniatures and furniture. His wife has spent £200 on clothes.

For all these dollars, does Mr Bauer get value in return from Britain? Let us join him for a day, and see.

One night Americans usually want to view Windsor Castle. Mr Bauer is no exception. Hence his presents out morning

mands the most impeccable pedigree and behaviour before it elects.

Norman Hartnell is the retiring UK President — Marion Brando and Montgomery Clift also belong.

"We are not misogynists," said its founder. "We are," he added, with quiet dignity, "Gentlemen-in-Waiting."

While waiting, the gentlemen of the Bachelor Clubs achieve their main object—which is good by stealth—taking poor children to the circus, buying them toys and candy, and organising for children's charities such functions as the glittering Bachelors Ball at the Waldorf Astoria.

If a bachelor commits matrimony, he is required to give a stag party at which he is drummed out of the club with great ceremony, and must hereafter wear the crest of his Bachelor Club blazer—a crown with two crossed sceptres and the motto Est Tempus Sua (His Time is His Own) upside down.

But maddest of all the bachelor booms, however, has been the first National Convention of the Bachelor Society of America, which took place at Bethlehem, New Hampshire.

For three days Bethlehem was submerged in bachelors, and the Town Clerk gave 24 hours a day service on marriage licences.

Reversing the usual slave market procedure, the bachelors allowed themselves to be paraded through the town in carts for the bids of any interested spinsters.

They attended rambles, picnics and moonlight dances, and held open forum discussions on bachelors' particular problems.

Bachelors, according to 42-year-old Jack Blatt, wealthy New York founder and president of the society, are a very much discriminated — against race, which will come as news to the harassed father of three staring wistfully at a half-pint which he dare not miss the 5-25.

Over-25 bachelors, he says, have difficulty in meeting single girls and are often passed over for parties as odd men out.

Other examples are: the policy of choosing a married man for an executive position because he is more "responsible" and the reprehensible European habit of taxing bachelors.

In order to amend some of these injustices, Mr Blatt three years ago inaugurated the Bachelor Society of America which has 1,000 members and nothing in common with the bachelor Clubs of America.

For an annual subscription of eight guineas, the Bachelor Society organizes parties, dances and river excursions: at which discriminated — against bachelors of both sexes can mingle.

We inquired what the Bachelor Society thought of the Bachelor Clubs. "Just a lot of playboys," said Mr Blatt with compressed lips.

"What did the Bachelor Clubs think of the Bachelor Society?" Mr Blatt looked pained and changed the subject.

What did Bachelor Forbes think of America? "Mon, this is the life!" beamed the All-American Aberdorian, removing the last trace of upbrink from his face.

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RICE PRICE RISING IN SAIGON

Saloon, July 31.
The price of rice in Saigon has been rising steadily.

Rice No. 1 (25 per cent broken) which cost 380 piastres per 100 kilos on July 15, cost 393 piastres on July 23, and the price is still going up.

Rice No. 2 (40 per cent broken) registered a five-piastre increase, and was sold at 360 piastres per 100 kilos.

The same is also true in the case of cargo rice, which went up from 358 to 363 piastres.

Meanwhile, there was a drop in the export of white rice. From Saigon, 50,924 tons were exported in 1952 as against 59,118 tons in 1951. As to cargo rice, however, 59,221 tons were exported during the first six months of 1952 as against only 6,388 tons during the corresponding period in 1951.

In Cambodia, the export of white rice during the two periods was practically nil. But the 1952 cargo rice export was increased by almost three times: 29,590 tons in 1952 as against 10,191 tons in 1951.

The export of broken rice has also increased: 17,084 tons in 1952 as against 2,058 tons in 1951.

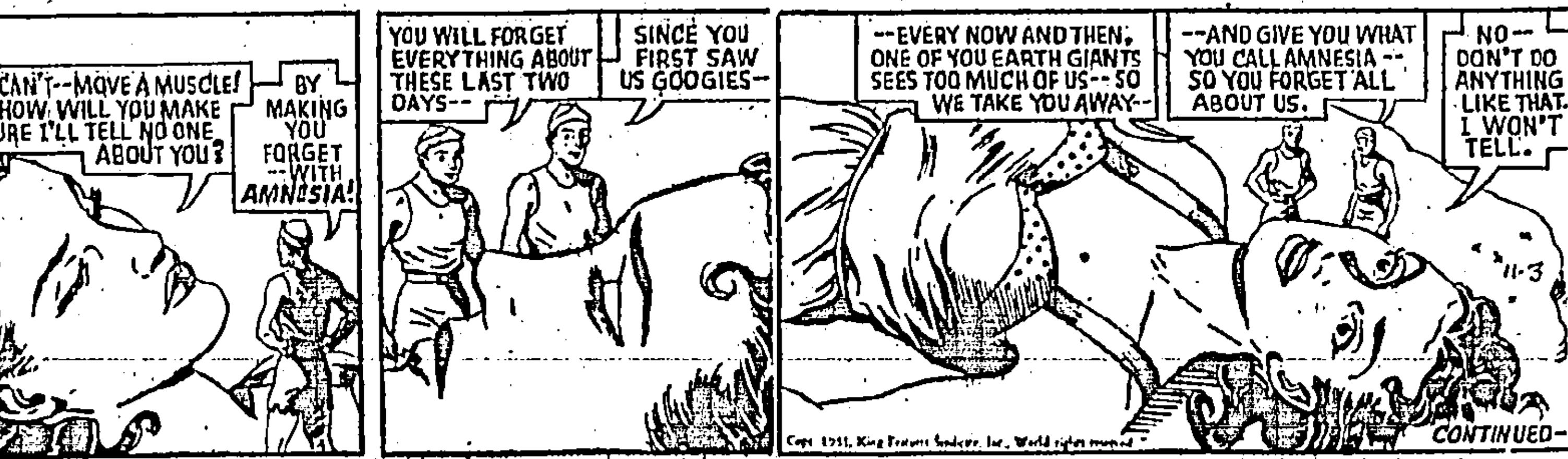
The export of rice flour has also doubled. The Cambodian mills have been working to capacity. —France-Press.

'Flying Father' Back Home

Washington, July 31.
Max Conrad, the "Flying Father" of late ended his fourth solo Atlantic flight in a single-engine Piper Cub here with a brush with the customs.
He flew in late yesterday afternoon from Labrador on the last leg of his flight, which began seven days ago in Paris. But customs men did not expect a plane from abroad and, after 12 hours in the air, he had to circle the Washington National Airport for some time before he was allowed to land.
Mr Conrad ended a goodwill flight to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Britain, Switzerland and France, hopping the Atlantic through Labrador and Iceland. —Reuter.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

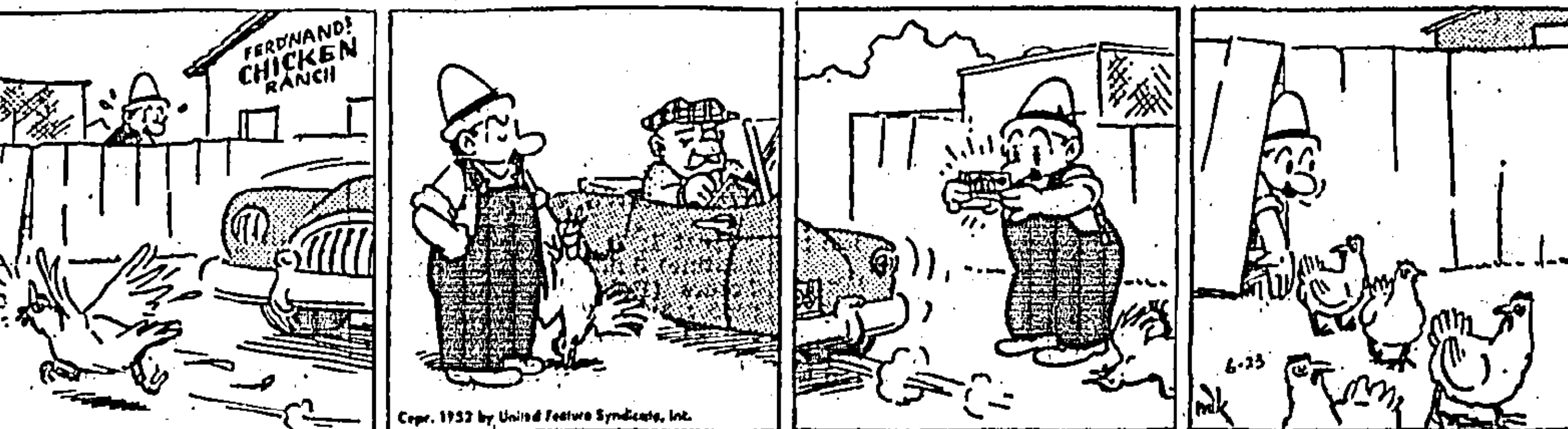
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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"CARTHAGE"	20th June	In Port
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"CANTON"	21st August	22nd September

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CARTHAGE"	1st Aug.	1st September
"CORFU"	25th Aug.	20th September
"CANTON"	26th Sept.	27th Oct.

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London

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Outwards	Arrives	From
"SOOTRA"	23rd Aug.	U. K. Continent via Straits
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN S.S. CO., LTD.

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"NELLORE"	loads 27th Aug.	for Bombay, Port Tarakon, Holland, Lao, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney & Melbourne

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